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INDEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE	8	8	--	0 LG=\$200 SM=\$100	\$ 0
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action of December 17, 2007, and pursuant to
37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicant proposes that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 35 of this paper.

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